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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

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APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CALIFORNIA HIV/AIDS RESEARCH PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Approval to accept grant funds from The Regents of the University of California to continue support of the Department of Public Health's participation in a collaborative Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome behavioral and intervention research activities project.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and execute Amendment Number 2 to Agreement Number CH07-LAC-617 (Exhibit I) from The Regents of the University of California (The Regents) to continue support of the DPH Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Epidemiology Program's participation in the Institute for Community Health Research (ICHR), a collaborative research project with Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (Drew) and the RAND Corporation (RAND), to investigate HIV/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) disparities throughout Los Angeles County for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$54,597, at no net County cost.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the DPH HIV Epidemiology Program to accept funds from The Regents, to be reimbursed for participation in a collaborative HIV/AIDS behavioral and

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intervention research activities project with Drew and RAND, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

This funding extension is comprised of unspent funds from the previous four years and allows DPH to continue to conduct two main functions of the ICHR: 1) epidemiology professional development and data analysis, and 2) writing and publishing of data from the studies completed in the first four years.

Your Board's authorization to accept Amendment Number 2 to Agreement Number CH07-LAC-617 is required because the delegated authority previously approved by your Board on October 11, 2005, did not allow DPH to accept amendments to the award beyond FY 2008-09.

The purpose of ICHR is to reduce disparities in HIV prevention and care through innovative research on the roles of communities and social networks and to provide training and mentorship opportunities to new investigators working on HIV/AIDS challenges. The ICHR collaborative team has four specific aims: 1) to enhance the capacity of researchers at Drew and DPH to conduct, analyze and disseminate research that has high potential to reduce disparities in HIV prevention and care; 2) to stimulate and conduct innovative public health research on HIV health disparities; 3) to increase the quality and quantity of HIV disparities research among investigators at Drew, DPH, and RAND; and 4) to recruit and train at Drew and DPH the next generation of HIV disparities researchers.

ICHR addresses the substantial disparities in HIV prevention and care in Los Angeles County. Investigating the roles of communities and social networks and their influence on individuals' risk, in particular, are a continued high priority for ICHR. ICHR provides the following opportunities to its primary research centers: offering manuscript reviews, mentoring junior and mid-level investigators in the development of grant applications and publications, hosting statistical methods seminars and individual consultation sessions, promoting cross-institutional collaborations, and disseminating research findings through journal publications and conference presentations.

DPH HIV Epidemiology Program as well as other DPH programs, such as the Sexually Transmitted Disease Program, the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy, and the Chronic Disease Program will continue to benefit from ICHR's provision of access to statistical methods seminars, individual consultation sessions, manuscript review services, and grant development training opportunities to our epidemiologists.

It is anticipated that this collaborative research project will make the DPH HIV Epidemiology Program and other DPH programs more competitive in obtaining additional HIV/AIDS funding from external grantor agencies, establishing cross-site collaborations for future grant applications and publication of research manuscripts, and improving the statistical and scientific research capabilities of junior and mid-level researchers.

On December 10, 2009, DPH HIV Epidemiology received Amendment Number 2 to Agreement Number CH07-LAC-617 dated October 27, 2009, from The Regents to extend ICHR's collaborative research activities for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This funding extension is comprised of unspent funds from the previous four years and allows DPH to continue to conduct two main functions of the ICHR: 1) epidemiology professional development and data analysis, and 2) writing and publishing of data from the studies completed in the first four years.

California HIV Research Program (CHRP) contacted DPH HIV Epidemiology Program on several

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occasions indicating the possibility of extending the grant period for another year, using unspent funds from previous years. However, no written verification of this intent was provided to DPH HIV Epidemiology Program prior to receipt of Amendment Number 2 on December 10, 2009. Given the circumstances, DPH could not have brought this proposed action before the Board any sooner.

# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This recommended Board action supports Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County Strategic Plan by allowing HIV Epidemiology Program to participate in a collaborative research project to reduce disparities in HIV prevention and care.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Under this proposed action, DPH will receive \$54,597 from The Regents to extend ICHR's activities for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, comprised of unspent funds from the previous four years.

Funding is included in DPH's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Final Adopted Budget.

There is no net County cost associated with this action.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State of California Legislature has requested that The Regents establish and administer a program supporting research on AIDS and has appropriated funds for the administration of the CHRP.

DPH's participation in ICHR will allow the DPH HIV Epidemiology Program to continue to participate in HIV/AIDS behavioral and intervention research activities and will ensure that the following activities continue such as: administering and implementing innovative research on HIV health disparities, increasing the quality and quantity of HIV health research, and training new researchers for health disparities studies.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On October 11, 2005, your Board approved Grant Agreement Number CH05-LAC-617 from The Regents to support the Department of Health Services (DHS), now DPH, HIV Epidemiology Program's participation in a collaborative HIV/AIDS behavioral and intervention research activities project with Drew, for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, in the amount of \$238,047, and delegated authority to the Director of DHS to sign forthcoming grant agreements and amendments substantially similar to Grant Agreement Number CH05-LAC-617, which provided future funding or that increased or decreased funding up to 30 percent of each fiscal year's award for FYs 2006-09.

Subsequently, on November 29, 2007, DPH accepted Grant Agreement Number CH05-LAC-617 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$322,615. On March 11, 2009

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(FY 2008-09), DPH accepted Amendment Number 1 to Agreement Number CH07-LAC-617 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$302,770.

Amendment Number 2 extends the period of performance from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, and authorizes DPH's utilization of \$54,597 in prior year unspent funds.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept grant funds from The Regents and will provide DPH opportunities to continue to participate in the ICHR collaborative research project with Drew and RAND to investigate HIV/AIDS disparities throughout Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director and Health Officer

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**Enclosures** 

c: Chief Executive Officer County Counsel

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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October 27, 2009

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Subject: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. CH07-LAC-617

Principal Investigator: Trista Bingham

This letter constitutes Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. CH07-LAC-617, between The Regents of the University of California, (hereinafter called "The Regents"), represented by California HIV/AIDS Research Program (hereinafter called CHRP), and Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (hereinafter called the "Recipient"). The following terms are hereby amended. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

### 2. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

This Amendment extends the period of performance from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

#### 4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

This Amendment provides funds for the period stated above in the amount of \$54,597. The approved budget is attached as Exhibit A. The total amount provided by this Agreement to date is \$679,982.

### 5. PAYMENT AND INVOICING

80% of the amount provided by this Amendment, listed in Section 4 above, will be released in full at this time. The remaining 20% will be paid after receipt of the final reports. Invoices are not required.

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All reporting requirements detailed in the original Agreement shall remain the same.

Your signature on this Amendment is not required. Should you have any questions regarding contractual matters, please contact Lourdes DeMattos, Contract and Grants Officer, 510/987-9850, Lourdes.Demattos@ucop.edu. For all other concerns, please contact Roy McCandless, DrPH, Research Administrator, at 510/287-3359, Roy.McCandless@ucop.edu..

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\$250,000

Lourdes DeMattos cc:

Trista Bingham

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### University of California California HIV/AIDS Research Program

#### **Award Notice**

Principal Investigator: Trista A. Bingham

Award #: CH07-LAC-617

Institution:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Project Title:

Los Angeles Collaborative HIV/AIDS Public Health Research Center

This award notice for period: July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010.

#### Approved Budget:

Personnel (Salaries, Wages, Benefits)	\$53,794
Consultant/Contract	\$0
Supplies and Expenses	\$0
Equipment	\$0
Travel - Annual Meeting	\$0
Travel - Project-Related	\$0
Travel - Scientific Meetings	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$803
TOTAL:	\$54,597

This award will be paid in two installments: 80% upon execution of this amendment and 20% upon acceptance of final scientific progress and fiscal reports.

#### Obligations:

- 1. Inform CHRP if you receive funds for related research from any other source.
- 2. Conduct research involving human and animal subjects according to the standards of the appropriate review board or committee (i.e. Institutional Review Board or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee). No funds for work requiring IRB or IACUC approvals may be expended until such approvals have been obtained. Approvals or applications for approvals must be furnished to CHRP upon request.
- 3. Submission of Annual Progress and Fiscal Reports on or before the due date.
- 4. Management of the grant according to CHRP Policies and Procedures.

Refer to the U.C. Special Research Programs Grant Administration Manual online at http://chrp.ucop.edu/grantees/gam\_2007\_2009.pdf for specific policies governing the administration of this award. Reporting forms for Progress Reports and requests are available online at http://chrp.ucop.edu/grantees/index.html . Pre-filled reporting forms for Fiscal Reports are sent by email 30 days prior to the due date. Direct any questions to the California HIV/AIDS Research Program Office, 300 Lakeside Drive, 6th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-3550, Phone (510) 987-9855.

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Director, California HIV/AIDS Research Program

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10/27/2009